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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADVANCE TEAMS

1. WE HAVE TAKEN THE FOLLOWING STEPS TO PREPARE FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE STATE, ARMY, AIR FORCE GROUPS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MARTINIQUE IN EARLY DECEMBER.

2. AIR FORCE GROUP: AIR FORCE ONE REQUIREMENTS: WE HAVE RESERVED AT HILTON HOTEL: ONE DOUBLE FOR AIR FORCE ADVANCE 5-17 DEC. THREE SINGLES, SEVEN DOUBLES FOR AIR FORCE ONE CREW 14-16 DEC. TRANSPORTATION: ONE CAR RESERVED W/O DRIVER, 5-17 DEC, ONE CAR W/O DRIVER AND ONE BUS WITH DRIVER FOR CREW 14-16 DEC., ONE CAR FOR SECURITY GUARD W/O DRIVER 14-16 DEC. ONE CAR W/O DRIVER FOR RETENTION AT AIR FORCE ONE 14-16 DEC.

3. ARMY I: AT HILTON HOTEL ONE ROOM RESERVED 5-17 DEC. SEVEN SINGLES, FOURTEEN DOUBLES RESERVED 11-17 DEC. TRANSPORTATION: ONE CAR W/O DRIVER 5-17 DEC, ONE MEDIUM BUS WITH DRIVER AND 5 CARS W/O DRIVERS FOR PERIOD 11-17 DEC.

4. WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY: RESERVATIONS AT MERIDIAN: SEVEN COMMUNICATIONS ROOMS INCLUDING APPROPRIATE STORAGE SPACE FOR PERIOD 3-18 DEC. RESERVATIONS FOR PERSONNEL: EIGHT SINGLES AND THIRTEEN DOUBLES FOR PERIOD 3-18 DEC. TRANSPORTATION: TWO TRUCKS WILL MEET WHCA GROUP UPON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT. SIX RENAULT CARS RESERVED WITH ENGLISH SPEAKING DRIVERS FOR PERIOD 3-18 DEC. ONE INTERPRETER TENTATIVELY HIRED. ACTION REQUESTED: MUST COMMUN-
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ICATION ROOMS BE LOCATED ON TOP FLOOR, OR IS SECOND FROM TOP

ACCEPTABLE, ASSUMING PRESIDENTIAL PARTY IS ON THAT FLOOR ?

5. STATE GROUP: AT MERIDIAN HOTEL WE HAVE RESERVED ONE DOUBLE AND TWO SINGLES STARTING 3 DEC., TWO DOUBLES AND ONE SINGLE STARTING 5 DEC. FOR MARINE SECURITY GUARD. THREE DOUBLES AND ONE SINGLE STARTING 5 DEC, ONE DOUBLE STARTING 5 DEC. ONE CAR WITH DRIVER BEING ENGAGED STARTING 4 DEC.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT WHCA REVIEW OF THE FOREGOING AND INFORM US OF ANY CHANGES BELIEVED NECESSARY. THE AUTOMOBILES WE HAVE RENTED HAVE IN GENERAL BEEN SMALL ONES SUCH AS RENAULT R-4 OR R-5 AND PEUGEOT 104 AND 204. WE ARE AWARE THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND NEWS MEDIA ARE BEGINNING TO RENT CARS FOR USE PRIOR TO AND DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ESTIMATES ASAP ABOUT THE OVERALL US TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS IN THE TEN DAY PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT UNLESS WE ACT SOON, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO FILL OUR OWN TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS.

7. AS FINAL POINT WE SUGGEST ONE FRENCH SPEAKING SECRETARY OR CLERK ARRIVE WITH THE ADVANCE GROUPS ARRIVING O/A 4 DEC. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE MERIDIAN IS TOO FAR FROM THE CONSULATE FOR OUR STAFF TO BE ABLE TO GIVE EFFICIENT ASSISTANCE TO THE ADVANCE PARTIES. PRINCIPAL OFFICER WILL PLAN TO SPEND MOST OF TIME AT MERIDIAN AFTER 5 DEC., BUT OUR STAFF IS TOO SMALL TO DETACH ONE OF OUR LOCALS, OR THE THE VICE CONSUL OR AMERICAN SECRETARY, TO ASSIST AT THE MERIDIAN FOR OTHER THAN SHORT PERIODS.
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